

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/730,671

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

GOLDBERG ET AL.

Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/11/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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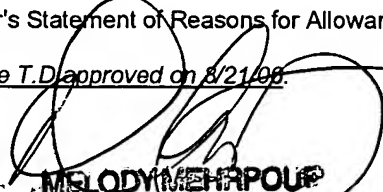
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other The T.D. approved on 8/21/06.


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PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 1-35**, are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding **claims 1, 9, 16-18, 25, 31, 33**, the present application teaches a method and system for coordinating the use of beam forming between two communicating entities in a wireless communication system is disclosed. The two entities may communicate control information regarding their respective use of beam forming. A correction factor for at least one entity is provided wherein said entity may reduce or withhold its beam adjustment in order to correct any error measured in the alignment of its beam with respect to the beam of the other entity with which it is communicating as specifically mentioned on claims 1, 9, 16-18, 25, 31, 33.

The closest prior art to the present application such as Etkin et al. (US Publication 005/0036464 A1) teaches systems and methods that use the number of mobile stations, denoted by N , communicating with a base station, as a variable that determines the optimum induced change rate, R , and the antenna beam width, W , of a time-varying base station antenna gain pattern used in conjunction with a forward power modulation (FPM) or to maximize the overall data throughput from the base station by taking advantage of multi-user diversity. In one embodiment, the FPM scheme is turned off if

N is below a lower threshold. If N is above this threshold, the FPM scheme is turned on with R and W set to appropriate values. In Etkin a base station adjusts a beam width and SINR fluctuation based on the number of mobiles stations in a sector served by the base station. Further Etkin discloses that for a small number of users a broader beam is better whereas a highly directional beam is better for a large number of users. The disclosures of Etkin teaches two beams from two communicating entities, but just an effect of beam sweeping by the base station. Etkin fails to disclose a scheme of measuring an error in alignment of two beams emanating from two communication entities, determining a correction factor based on the measured error, and readjusting the beams to realign the two beams. Etkin two communicating entities do not communicate during the initial state before forming operation and throughout the communication process. Etkin entities do not know whether the other is adjusting a beam direction for fixing the misalignment of the two beams. Therefore, there is possibility of oscillation caused by simultaneous adjustment by the two entities. Etkin fails to teach avoiding this oscillation, only one entity is selected to adjust its beam in order to realign the beam as specifically mentioned on claims 1, 9, 16-18, 25, 31, 33.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. **Any responses to this action should be mailed to:**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naghmeh Mehrpour whose telephone number is 571-272-7913. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00- 6:00.

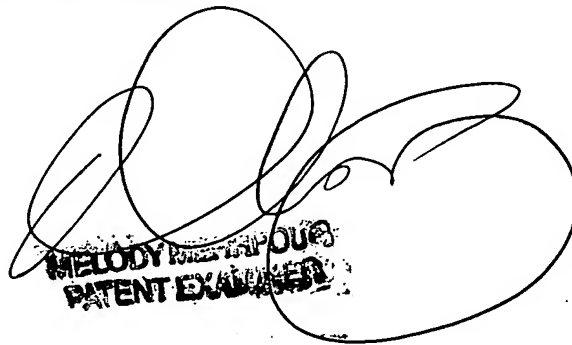
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro be reached (571) 272-7876.

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